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PART-III

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan,
Ashoka Road,
New Delhi—110001
Dated the 6th August, 2009

15th Sravana, 1931 (Saka)

ORDER

No. 3/4/ID/2008/SDR/(MEG).

- Whereas, Section 61 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 provides that with a view to preventing impersonation of electors, so as to make the right of genuine electors to vote under section 62 of that Act more effective, provisions may be made by rules under that Act for use of Identity Cards for electors as the means of establishing their identity at the time of polling; and
- Whereas, Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, empowers the Election Commission to direct, with a view to preventing impersonation of electors and facilitating their identification at the time of poll, the issue of Electoral Identity Cards to electors bearing their photographs at State cost; and
- Whereas, Rules 49H (3) and 49K (2) (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, stipulate that where the electors of a constituency have been supplied with Electors Identity Cards under the said provisions of Rule 28 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the electors shall produce their Electoral Identity Cards at the polling station and failure or refusal on their part to produce those Electoral Identity Cards may result in the denial of permission to vote; and
- Whereas, a combined and harmonious reading of the aforesaid provisions of the said Act and the Rules, makes it clear that although the right to vote arises by the existence of the name in the electoral roll, it is also dependent upon the use of the Electors Identity Card, where provided by the Election Commission at State cost, and that both are to be used together; and
- Whereas, the Election Commission made an Order on the 28th August, 1993, directing the issue of Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) to all electors, according to a time bound programme; and
- Whereas, the Commission has taken note of the fact that over the last few years since the implementation of the programme of issue of EPICs was taken up, the election machinery of Meghalaya, has issued these cards to a substantially high number of electors and made all possible efforts, by way of repeated rounds of the constituencies and areas, with a view to issuing cards to the left-out electors; and
- Whereas, electoral rolls containing photographs of the electors have been prepared and issued in Meghalaya; and

8. Whereas, at the general election to the Legislative Assembly of Haryana held in January - March, 2000, and at all general and bye-elections held since then, the Commission had directed that all electors who were issued with EPICs should produce those cards to exercise their franchise at the said elections, and that it would permit the odd electors who have not obtained their EPICs to vote at the said elections, provided their identity is otherwise established by production of one of the alternative documents prescribed by the Commission; and

9. Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission hereby directs that all electors in 17-Laitumkhrah Assembly Constituency in Meghalaya, for the bye-election notified on 22nd July, 2009, shall produce their EPICs for establishing their identity before casting their votes. If any elector fails to produce his/her EPIC, such elector shall have to produce any of the following alternative photo documents for establishing his/her identity.

- (i) Passports,
- (ii) Driving Licences,
- (iii) Income Tax Identity (PAN) Cards,
- (iv) Service Identity Cards having photograph, issued to its employees by State/Central Government Offices, Public Sector Undertakings,
- (v) Passbooks containing Photographs for Accounts opened up to 30.06.2009 in Public Sector Banks/ Post Offices,
- (vi) Freedom Fighter Identity Card with photograph,
- (vii) SC/ST/OBC certificates issued by competent authority with photograph issued up to 30.06.2009,
- (viii) Certificate of physical handicap having photograph issued by the Competent Authority, issued up to 30.06.2009,
- (ix) Arms License having photograph, issued up to 30.06.2009,
- (x) Job Cards with photograph issued under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, issued up to 30.06.2009.
- (xi) Property Documents with Photograph such as pattas, Registered Deeds, etc.,
- (xii) Pension Documents such as ex-servicemen's Pension Book/Pension Payment Order, ex-servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificates, Old Age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order,
- (xiii) Health Insurance Scheme Smart Cards with photograph (Ministry of Labour's Scheme, issued up to 30.06.2009.

10. Any of the above mentioned documents that is available only to the head of the family may be used for identifying the other members of the family provided all members come together and are identified by the head of the family.

By order,

(K. F. WILFRED)
SECRETARY TO THE
ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA



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PART - I

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

The 10th August, 2009.

No.PLA.88/2003/166.—In partial modification of this Department's Notifications No.PLA.88/2003/161, dated 16th July, 2009 & No.PLA.88/2003/162, dated 21st July, 2009, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to convey ex-post-facto approval to the appointment of the following persons as Chairman/Co-Chairman & Vice-Chairman of Meghalaya Resource & Employment Generation Council as indicated below with Status 'B' & 'C' as per Finance Department's Office Memorandum No.44/2003/Pt.II/108, dated 29th June, 2009, with effect from the date of joining and until further orders :-

1. Shri Beckstar K. Sangma, *Ex-MLA*, Chairman, 'B' Status.
2. Shri Billikid Sangma, *Ex-MLA*, Co-Chairman, 'B' Status.
3. Shri Clifford R. Marak, *Ex-MLA*, Vice-Chairman, 'B' Status.
4. Shri Semford B. Sangma, *Vice-Chairman*, 'C' Status.
5. Shri Fidel War, *Vice-Chairman*, 'C' Status.
6. Shri Fazibor Rahman, *MDC*, Vice-Chairman, 'C' Status.
7. Shri Beryll Sutnga, *Vice-Chairman*, 'C' Status.
8. Shri German Nongsiang, *Vice-Chairman*, 'C' Status.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance (A.F.) Department's *vide* I/D. No.FM.783.09, dated 31st July, 2009.

BARKOS WARJRI,

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Planning Department.